



Seal Sightings

Selinsgrove Area High School's quarterly newsletter

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Council to host conference, keeps busy with fall activities

As a result of a fundraiser during the Homecoming Spirit Week activities, the high school Student Council donated \$300 to Haven Ministry in November to assist them with winter needs.

Once again the Angel Tree project is underway in the high school media center. Mrs. Thompson in the guidance office donated a tree to the Student Council, and staff and students are busy shopping for presents. The gifts donated will benefit less fortunate children in the Snyder, Union, Mifflin Child Development program. This is the fifth year the project has collected scores of presents for these children.

On Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12, the high school and middle school Student Councils will host the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC) District 7 Conference. The two-day conference features the theme All the World is Your STAGE! The acronym STAGE means Students Teaching a Good Example. A combination of 40 high schools and middle schools are expected to be in attendance.

Roughly 300-400 highly motivated and well-mannered student delegates will require housing overnight on Friday. If you are able to serve as a host family for a couple of students, please contact Mr. Edwards (372-2217) at the high school or go to the conference website: stage2005.com.

Spanish-speakers interact with language students

Mrs. Corbin's Spanish 4 class was visited by the two Spanish-speaking Modern Language Fellows who are visiting instructors at Susquehanna University this year. The students were learning about the university system in Spain and comparing it to our system here.

Mrs. Corbin invited Cristina Rodríguez Guntín, from Spain, and Ana Inés Siccardi, from Argentina, to come talk about college in both their countries from first-hand experience, and provide the students with an opportunity to ask them questions or to explain the differences.

The ladies visited November 11 and spoke with the students for an hour completely in Spanish, and the students took notes to use for a comparative project on

From the Principal –

Just like last year, our school year is off to a good start. Our fall sports teams were successful, our theater club put on another good show, and our musical groups are performing well. A few upcoming events to keep in mind:

Scheduling for next year will begin soon. In January, we will be meeting with the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades to review course offerings. There are some changes this year; if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the guidance department. Students will be making their course selections soon after.

While we have not settled on exact dates for the PSSA writing test for 11th grade students, it will be given between Feb 14 and 23. Please keep these days in mind when scheduling appointments for your child. The testing window for the math and reading PSSA tests and Terra Nova tests is April 4-15.

Happy Holidays.

--Reed Messmore
--Principal

university systems they would complete after this visit. The Spanish 4 students said it was a very good experience, although challenging at times, to interact with native speakers in this way.

Cristina and Ana also said they enjoyed the experience, and were pleased to come because they had never been in an American high school before. They were quite impressed with our building and our students, and said they might come visit again to discuss another topic. This collaboration with SU is a definite advantage for our students' language study.

Art students share their work with the community

The following students from Mrs. Hendricks' Advanced Senior Art class recently participated in "Arts in Action" Day at Susquehanna University: Glynnis Baker, Kodee Camp, Carly Giesen, Amanda Moyer and Clayre Waltman. They took part in workshops related to the visual